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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 38,945; Week ago 46,720; Year ago 53,021 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		<u>Fdr. HEIFERS:</u>		Hols. STEERS	
366 lbs.	129.00	366 lbs.	115.87	371 lbs.	81.88
459 lbs.	118.50	460 lbs.	104.74	459 lbs.	82.89
553 lbs.	109.84	556 lbs.	97.98	534 lbs.	78.78
654 lbs.	104.89	647 lbs.	95.33	606 lbs.	78.00
741 lbs.	102.56	760 lbs.	94.02	751 lbs.	71.62
835 lbs.	99.84	854 lbs.	94.97	832 lbs.	77.25
942 lbs.	96.59	951 lbs.	91.34		

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 9250; Week ago 5731; Year ago 5656 Compared to last week, steers and heifers under 450 lbs steady, over 450 lbs 1.00 to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher. Slaughter bulls 1.00 to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		<u>HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium a	and Large 1	Medium and Large 1		
300-400 lbs.	117.00-131.00	300-400 lbs.	111.00-123.00	
400-450 lbs.	113.50-126.00	400-500 lbs.	97.00-112.00	
450-500 lbs.	108.00-117.50	500-600 lbs.	87.00-97.00	
500-600 lbs.	98.00-112.50	600-700 lbs.	89.50-96.00	
600-700 lbs.	97.00-107.00	700-725 lbs	90.00-91.00	
700-800 lbs.	95.50-100.00	800-900 lbs.	Scarce	
800-900 lbs.	94.00-99.50			
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Large 3	Holsteins	SLAUGHTER COWS:		
Lot 568 lbs.	77.50	Breaking and Bo		
		lean) 42.00-50.0		
650-730 lbs.	70.00-72.50	47.00-52.00. Lea		
Pkg 830 lbs.	78.50	38.50-45.50, low dressing 30.00-		
String 999 lbs.	73.00	38.50.		
SLAUGHTER	BULLS: Yield	REPLACEMEN	T COWS: Me-	
Grade 1-2, 1335	5-2100 lbs 56.00-	dium and Large	1-2 2 to 7 yrs	
62.50, high dres		1100-1300 lbs 3rd stage 760.00-		
	sing 52.00-56.50.	870.00 per head. 2nd stage		
,	J	670.00-750.00 per head, some		
COW & CALF	PAIRS: Scarce		-1200 lbs 2nd and	
		3rd stage 595.00	-730.00 per head,	
		few Large 1-2 1		
		stage 750.00-820		
		broken mouth 1		
		2nd and 3rd stag	ge 510.00-600.00	

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SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 9855; week ago 14,100; year ago 15,508 Cow and Bull Receipts 1110; week ago 2117; year ago 2321 Compared to last week, Feeder steers under 700 lbs steady to 3.00 higher, over 700 lbs steady to 1.00 higher, Holsteins under 600 lbs 1.00 to 2.00 lower, over 600 lbs not tested, heifers steady to 3.00 hihger. Slaughter cows and Slaughter bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium a	nd Large 1	Medium and Large 1	
400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	106.50-128.00 99.00-112.00 96.50-107.00 97.00-105.50	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs.	111.00-115.00 95.50-118.00 89.00-109.00 89.00-103.50
800-900 lbs. 900-1000 lbs.	95.50-101.50 93.85-97.00	700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	90.00-93.50 85.75-91.90
Large I 200-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs.	Frame 3 Scarce 78.00-85.00	and Boning (70- 50.00, high dres	COWS: Breaking -85% lean) 43.00-ssing 47.00-58.50 35.50-43.00, low
400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	75.00-88.00 75.00-80.00 78.00 75.00 72.00-75.00	SLAUGHTER 1 Grade 1-2, 1085	BULLS: Yield 5-2395 lbs 56.50- ssing 61.00-74.50,
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1100-1370 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage 653.00-875.00, more attrac- tive pkgs 900.00-940.00 per head.		COW & CALF 1 and Large 1-2, 2 1300 lbs. with 13 calves, 875.00-1 yrs 1075 lbs with calves 1185.00 p	yrs to 22, 1095- 35 to 300 lb 100.00, pkg. 2-3 h 150-200 lb
NORTH	IWEST MISSOU	JRI WEEKLY S	UMMARY

(St. Joe, Maryville)

Receipts: 9082, Week ago 5479, Year ago 3972

Compared to last week steers under 650 lbs and heifers under 600 bls steady, heavier weights firm to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 1.00 higher

<u>FEEDER</u> Medium ar		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> : Medium and Large 1		
400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. 900-1000 lbs.	114.00-128.50 106.00-124.00 105.25-110.85 101.60-108.75 99.60-107.00 96.75-102.25	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	120.00-135.00 108.50-128.00 98.00-116.00 97.00-104.00 103.85-107.35 101.10-102.85	
REPLACEMENT	COWS: Scarce.	U (85% lean) 40.00- sing 44.00-48.25, 31.50-38.50, low	
SLAUGHTER STEERS and HEIF- ERS: High Select and Choice 3, 1175 lbs 84.50.		SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1500- 59.00, high dress		

low dressing 50.00-52.50.

WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic) Receipts 3892; Week ago 6211; Year ago 6146

Feeder steers and heifers steady to 7.00 higher. Slaughter cows 2.00 lower to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium and La	arge 1& 1-2	Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		
	:			
300-400 lbs	116.00-135.00	300-400 lbs.	104.00-131.00	
400-500 lbs.	110.00-132.00	400-500 lbs.	95.00-132.00	
500-600 lbs.	100.00-120.00	500-600 lbs.	92.00-108.00	
600-700 lbs.	93.50-115.50		90.00-104.85	
700-800 lbs.	92.50-114.00	700-800 lbs.	89.75-97.25	
800-900 lbs.	94.00-101.75	800-900 lbs.	Scarce	
REPLACEMENT COWS: Scarce.		SLAUGHTER Co and Boning (75-8 49.00, High dress Lean (85-90%) 38 dressing 30.00-39	5% lean) 40.00- ling 45.25-55.75, 8.75-44.00, Low	
COW & CALF PAIRS: Scarce.		SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1090-2045 lbs 55.00-62.00, low dressing 47.00-53.00.		

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

Receipts: 1885; Week ago 3896; Year ago 5461

Compared to last week feeders steady. Slaughter cows steady to firm.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1& 1-2		FEEDER I Medium and I	
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	94.50-106.50 94.00-102.50		93.00-103.00 93.00-105.50 90.00-108.00 86.25-104.25 Scarce Scarce
SLAUGHTER STI Choice 2-3 81.00-8		SLAUGHTER CO Boning, and Lean 36.00-46.00, high 53.00, low dressin	(70-90% lean) dressing 45.00-
SLAUGHTER HE Choice 2-3 81.00-8		SLAUGHTER BU Grade 1-2, 1600-2 57.00.	

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon) Feeder Cattle Receipts 2167; week ago 6349; year ago 3110 Slaughter Cattle Receipts 75; week ago 41; year ago 94 Feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows steady. Slaughter steers and heifers steady to .50 higher.

<u>FEEDER S</u> Medium and			HEIFERS: Large 1&1-2
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Load 858 lbs.	75.00-105.75	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs.	122.50-128.50 109.00-122.00 95.00-107.00 95.00-101.75 Scarce Scarce
SLAUGHTER ST Choice 2-3 1050-1 85.10		SLAUGHTER C and Boning (75-8 51.25, low dressi	35% lean) 43.00-
<u>SLAUGHTER HE</u> 2-3 1100-1400 lbs		SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1600- 62.00.	

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium REPLACEMENT COWS: Me-

dium and Large 1-2 4 to 7 yrs

900.00-1000.00 per head.

1100-1400 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage

and Large 1-2 Scarce.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1597; Week ago: 2105; Year ago 1767

Compared to last week, 600 lb steers and 500 lb heifers steady to 1.00 higher other weights 2.00 to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00

	STEERS: d Large 1-2		HEIFERS: nd Large 1-2	
300-400 lbs.	109.00-125.00	300-400 lbs.	94.00-112.00	
400-500 lbs.	97.25-113.00	400-500 lbs.	82.50-101.00	
500-600 lbs.	89.00-106.00	500-600 lbs.	80.00-97.50	
600-700 lbs.	87.00-98.00	600-700 lbs.	78.50-93.00	
700-800 lbs.	84.25-99.25	700-800 lbs.	85.25-88.50	
REPLACEMENT	Γ COWS:	SLAUGHTER C		
Medium and Larg	ge 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs,	and boning (75-8		
910-1350 lbs, 2nd	d-3rd stage	43.00; high dressing 42.25-46.00,		
700.00-825.00 pe	r head.	Lean 28.00-35.00).	
COW & CALF P		SLAUGHTER B	ULLS: Yield	
Medium and Larg	ge 1-2, 8 yrs to ss,	Grade 1-2, 1550-	1920 lbs, 47.25-	
835-1315 lbs with	h 60-100 lb	50.50, high dress	ing 53.75.	
calves 405.00-586	0.00 per pair.		-	

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

Receipts: 1948, Week ago 3514, Year ago 5065

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 3.00 higher.

Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

	Z.		ε
300-400 lbs.	Scarce	300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	110.00-117.50	400-500 lbs.	95.50-108.50
500-600 lbs.	99.00-115.00	500-600 lbs.	92.25-100.00
600-700 lbs.	97.50-105.75	600-700 lbs.	93.00-98.50
700-800 lbs.	96.50-101.00	700-750 lbs.	91.00-94.00
REPLACEME dium and Larg	NT COWS: Me- e 1-2 Scarce	and Boning (70- 47.00, Lean (85	COWS: Breaking -85% lean) 40.0090%) 34.00-sing 28.00-36.50.
COW & CALF and Large 1-2	FPAIRS: Medium Scarce	,	BULLS: Yield 0-2050 lbs. 56.50, 0.00, low dressing

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 400; Week ago 0; Year ago 400 Compared to last week, trade light to moderate. No confirmed live sales and dresses sales on a grid basis steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS: No Sales. STEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: no sales reported HEIFERS: No Sales. GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs 137.00-

141.00.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 11,378, Week ago 13,907; Year ago 12,512 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts steady to .50 lower. Sows steady to 1.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS: SOWS:

Base carcass meat price 55.00-300-500 lbs 28.00-33.00 59.00. Wkly top Fri. 59.00 Over 500 lbs 33.00-37.00

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 13,282

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 1.00 higher and feeder pigs not tested last week. Supply and Demand Moderate.

All pig prices based on a delivered basis including freight and fees.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered 100% formulated 13,282 head 10 lbs 32.75-41.25, weighted average 10 lbs 36.67

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights Delivered 0 % formulated None reported

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	181.30	172.50	191.00	142.50
St. Louis	203.50	162.50	195.00	113.50

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

The first winter storm proved to be no let down to many areas with some areas getting near 20 inched of actual snowfall. Ice was a problem for some farmers, and a select few only had cold to deal with. Inquiries for hay have been very high this week as expected with the first snow. Those that didn't manage to find hay early or were hoping for lower prices, are mostly out of luck as the market is only getting stronger each day for the time being. Buyers are also finding it difficult to purchase hay in the few neighboring states that are on the have side as prices are digging deep in the pocket, once all costs to get it to their farm are tallied in. The supply of hay is moderate to light, demand is moderate to good, and prices mostly steady. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429).(All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 135.00-160.00 premium quality Alfalfa (RFV170-180) 100.00-125.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa(RFV130-170) Round bales 40.00-80.00 Small, Big squares 70.00-110.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 3.00-4.50 per bale, 30.00-60.00 per large round bale Good to Premium quality Prairie hay small squares 80.00-100.00, Fair to good quality Prairie hay 40.00-70.00, Premium Quality Brome large Squares 90.00-100.00 Good quality Brome 40.00-70.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 20.00-40.00. Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 25.00-45.00 per round bale Fair quality large round bales Fescue 15.00-30.00 per bale Wheat hay 50.00-70.00 Wheat straw 1.75-3.00 per small bale. Corn stalks 20.00 per large round bale.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Dairy Cattle Receipts 930, (Springfield 11/28/06)

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1780.00-1900.00, Approved 1500.00-1760.00, Medium 1000.00-1500.00, Bred 3-6 months: Supreme 1785.00-1930.00, Approved 1500.00-1775.00, Medium 1100.00-1500.00. Open Heifers: Approved 200-300 lbs 510.00-670.00, 300-400 lbs 730.00-820.00, 400-500 lbs 880.00-940.00, 500-600 lbs 800.00-1050.00 600-700 lbs 1150.00-1175.00, 700-800 lbs 1280.00-1390.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 250.00-510.00, Holstein Bulls 150.00-210.00, Small 100.00-140.00.

Buffalo Goat and Sheep Market

Receipts: 1908, last month 2125, last year n/a

Sheep Slaughter Lambs: Choice 1-3 wooled 50-60 lbs 85.00-105.00, 70-90 lbs 82.50-95.00, 100-135 lbs 80.00-86.00, hair lambs 50-60 lbs 85.00-101.00, 70-80 lbs 83.00-92.00. Feeder Lambs: few haired 28-40 lbs 85.00-97.50. Slaughter Ewes: Utility and good 1-2 30.00-39.00, thin ewes 16.00-25.00, hair ewes 39.00-48.00. Slaughter Bucks: few 130-280 lbs 30.00-39.00. Goats: Kids, Selection 1 50-60 lbs 111.00-114.00, Selection 1-2 60-80 lbs. 92.00-101.00. Selection 2-3 50-60 lbs. 85.00-105.00, 80-90 lbs 64.00-79.00, Selection 3 60-80 lbs 56.00-70.00. <u>Does/Nannies</u> Selection 2-3 35.00-55.00. <u>Billies</u>: 85-160 lbs medium flesh 62.00-79.00. (all prices per cwt.) Replacement classes: <u>Does/Nannies</u> Selection 2-3 80-125 lbs medium flesh milking nannies 80.00-95.00 per head, with 2 groups at 120.00-130.00 per head. Stocker/Feeder Kids: Selection 2-3 20-40 lbs. 101.00-106.00.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .18 to .21 lower, Wheat .22 to .35 lower, Corn .14 to .20 lower, KC Wheat .21 to .39 lower, Soybean meal 2.30 to 3.70 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans Jan Mar May Jul Aug	659 1/4 673 1/2 683 1/4 693 1/2 697 1/2	664 1/4 677 3/4 687 1/2 695 3/4 699	654 1/4 666 1/4 677 1/4 686 3/4 690 1/2	662 676 1/4 685 1/2 694 1/2 698	656 672 1/4 681 1/4 690 1/2 696
Wheat Dec Mar May Jul Sep	499 1/2 518 522 500 1/2 501	498 517 1/4 520 1/2 499 497 1/2	475 495 1/2 500 482 1/2 481 1/2	477 1/2 495 3/4 502 1/4 483 1/2 484	469 485 3/4 494 478 1/2 480
Corn Dec Mar May Jul Sep	362 3/4 375 1/2 381 384 3/4 365 1/2	366 1/4 378 383 3/4 387 1/2 367 1/2	353 366 371 1/2 376 357 3/4	358 1/2 372 1/2 378 382 3/4 362 1/4	354 1/4 368 1/2 374 1/2 378 3/4 358 3/4
KC Wheat Dec Mar May Jul Sep	520 1/2 537 1/2 537 514 1/2 512 1/2	518 534 1/4 538 514 1/2 512 1/2	497 1/2 511 515 497 3/4 496 1/2	499 513 3/4 519 500 1/4 503	495 506 1/2 510 1/2 493 3/4 496 1/2
SB Meal Dec Jan Mar May Jul	183.30 185.70 189.40 192.30 195.30	184.30 187.80 190.90 193.60 196.00	183.60 186.80 189.60 191.80 194.50	187.00 190.50 192.90 195.50 197.50	185.40 188.10 191.20 193.70 196.60

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .25 to 1.45 higher, Lean Hogs Dec .183 higher, others .17 to .80 lower, Pork Bellies nearby .40 to .95 lower, others .05 to .15 higher, Feeder Cattle 3.12 to 3.60 higher.

Daily Entures Classes

	Daily Futures Closes					
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	
Cattle Dec Feb Apr Jun Aug	85.20 88.12 89.85 86.82 86.10	86.50 89.57 90.70 87.80 86.87	86.35 89.42 90.55 87.42 86.50	86.65 89.30 90.85 87.57 86.70	86.95 89.72 91.12 87.72 86.77	
Lean Hogs Dec Feb Apr May Jun	60.75 62.85 66.10 71.57 72.92	61.85 63.92 66.85 72.30 73.50	61.52 63.85 66.42 72.25 73.07	62.42 64.27 67.35 72.55 73.55	62.32 64.27 67.45 72.45 73.65	
Prk Bel Feb Mar May Jul Aug	91.30 91.15 90.80 92.65 93.25	91.97 91.90 91.90 92.65 93.25	90.20 90.15 90.80 92.40 93.25	90.90 90.90 90.80 92.40 93.25	91.05 90.90 90.80 92.80 93.30	
Fdr Cat Jan Mar Apr May Aug	97.27 96.87 97.35 97.82 101.00	98.20 97.70 98.30 98.82 101.85	99.07 98.55 99.10 99.75 102.75	99.85 99.30 99.90 100.35 103.42	100.42 99.57 100.40 100.65 103.87	
Milk Dec Jan Feb	13.35 12.96 13.00	13.38 13.09 13.15	13.48 13.24 13.30	13.44 13.13 13.22	13.42 13.05 13.16	

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .25 to .32 lower Wheat .35 to .42 lower Corn .14 to .23 lower Grain Sorghum .16 to .40 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Weekly Missouri Science Cush Grain Blus				
Area	#1 Soy- bean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.36 6.41 6.31 6.37-6.39 6.31-6.33	3.93 3.89 3.66-3.71 3.69-3.74 3.62-3.67	3.52-3.53 3.54-3.55 3.46 3.53 3.49	5.93-5.96 5.96-6.00 5.75-5.79 5.88-5.91 5.80-5.84
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.72-6.75 6.80-6.86 6.70-6.73 6.78 6.66-6.72	4.97 5.01 4.78 4.74 4.65	3.79-3.81 3.84-3.86 3.72 3.78-3.80 3.72-3.73	6.89 7.01 6.76 6.83 6.76
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.13-6.17 6.18-6.26 6.08-6.16 6.22-6.27 6.18-6.21	4.08-4.32 4.07-4.45 3.86-4.10 3.86-4.30 3.76-4.06	3.44-3.46 3.46-3.50 3.34-3.36 3.43-3.45 3.39	5.73 5.76-6.00 5.55 5.67-5.71 5.60
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	6.69-6.78 6.78-6.86 6.67-6.74 6.74-6.81 6.64-6.76	4.72-5.04 4.77-5.06 4.67-4.82 4.68-4.83 4.58-4.75	3.72-3.80 3.76-3.85 3.67-3.72 3.75-3.78 3.67-3.74	6.75-6.96 6.87-7.03 6.67-6.82 6.80-6.92 6.69-6.85

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Governor's Conference Will Highlight Tomorrow's Agriculture

The 2006 Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture is scheduled for Dec.10-11, 2006 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Mo. Themed, "The Future of Agriculture Begins Today," this conference will bring the agricultural community together to address industry trends and future choices for the Missouri agricultural industry. "Missouri farmers and ranchers are the most productive in the world," said Gov. Matt Blunt. "The Governor's Conference is an opportunity for Missouri's farm families to hear more about value-added agriculture and market opportunities." This year's conference will begin Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5:00 p.m. with a Taste of AgriMissouri reception featuring an array of Missouri's finest foods and beverages. Monday, Dec. 11 festivities will begin with an opening ceremony at 8:30 a.m. A tentative agenda can be found at http://www.mda.mo.gov/govconf.htm. "The Governor's Conference is an excellent occasion to network with fellow farmers, producers and leaders in the agricultural industry to discuss new and emerging opportunities," said Fred Ferrell, director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture. "Many of our farmers and producers have success stories that we can all learn from by taking more creative approaches to market opportunities and technological advances. Our conference will highlight some of those stories." Speakers include: Dr. Clive James, chair, Board of Directors, International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications; Carl Casale, executive vice president, North America & Latin America North Monsanto; Dr. Jerry Caulder, chairman and CEO, Finistere; Dr. Max F. Rothschilde, C.F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor in Agriculture, Iowa State University of Science & Technology; Dr. Sue DeNise, vice president of Research and Development, MMI Genomics, Inc.; Dr. Lowell Catlett, Regent's Professor of Economics, Agriculture and Genetic Engineering; and Bryan Townsend, motivational humorist." This is the fortieth year of the Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture and we really want to highlight the importance of the future of Missouri's number one industry," said Ferrell. "We have a great agenda including innovative speakers that will challenge and show us emerging technologies in agriculture."